

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Pediatric Strokes occur annually in one of every four thousand births and in eleven of 100,000 children, with those strokes being fatal in 20 to 40 percent of instances; and
- WHEREAS, Between 50 and 85 percent of the infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious and permanent neurological disabilities, including hemiplegia, speech and vision problems, seizures and challenges with attention, learning and behavior, possibly requiring ongoing physical therapy and surgery; and
- WHEREAS, The life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family and society; and
- WHEREAS, Only continuing medical research can identify the causes, risk factors, treatment and prevention strategies of Pediatric Stroke, the characteristics of which are often different from strokes in adults; and
- WHEREAS, An early diagnosis and treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances for recovery and prevention of recurrence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

## PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and I urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts, programs, services and advocacy provided by the Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve and in the 220<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

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ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
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